

Briefly Told

A 623-pound citizen of Philadelphia reduced his weight to 303 pounds in three months by working in the steam room of a laundry.

Philadelphia is considering the keeping of agents on the road to advertise the city and to promote business.

In spite of the high prices in the cities, thousands of bushels of cherries were left to decay on the trees because of the low prices offered the farmers.

No buyers for 21 wooden ships built by the government for war service have been found by the shipping board.

Peanuts have been imported in great quantities notwithstanding the fact that the United States is the world's greatest peanut producer.

College students are being impressed that education is a continuous process and that long summer vacation's chief justification is to permit them to exercise their talents to good financial advantage that they may continue their studies in the autumn.

Paris has become more English and London has become more French than ever before.

When, during the discussion of the armistice, General Foch was asked how long it would take to drive the German armies across the line if it were concluded not to grant an armistice, General Foch replied: "Maybe four or five months—who knows?"

For making use of an old still on the farm where Daniel Webster was born, the caretaker was dismissed.

Coke reached the price of \$18.50 in Pennsylvania.

A man claiming to be Czar Nicholas has a price of 2,000,000 rubles on his head by the act of the Soviet Government. He says a servant impersonated the Czar and was killed, while the ruler escaped.

Japan's hosiery factories, 115 of them, have closed down.

The Panama Canal has just passed through its driest season, the water in the reserve Gatun reservoir being just sufficient to maintain a navigable depth.

The Non-partisan League lost 12,000 votes in the recent North Dakota elections. There is talk of Townley, the Non-partisan leader, linking up with the Socialists.

"The right to think wrong" is being urged by Socialist candidates in behalf of imprisoned malcontents.

Queen Eugenie's bier was covered by the same pall which rested on the bier of her son, the prince imperial.

The Japanese censorship is the one which works most steadily in war and peace.

Most of the jam consumed in South Africa is made in Australia.

Canada received \$60,000,000 from her fisheries last year.

Passenger airplane service in planes accommodating eleven persons was opened at New York during the international yacht races. The planes followed the race by air-line.

A barrel of moonshine seized by New York police exploded and broke two ribs of a truck driver who was handling it.

The French flag was raised over the State, War and Navy Building in Washington on Bastille Day. Secretary of War Baker ordered wreaths placed on the graves of French soldiers at Arlington.

Mosquitoes are so numerous in Paris that the Pasteur Institute has been working on a plan to destroy the larvae in the water.

Meat prices in New York are 12 cents a pound higher than the highest summer price during the war.

Summer resorts in England are generally advertised as "health" resorts and the daily papers give a report on the amount of rainfall, the hours of sunshine, and the temperatures at a large number of places.

The salary of the Premier of Canada has been raised from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year.

"Culture is dying in Russia, and learning is starving to death," says a correspondent of the London Times reporting his observations.

When the United States was sending Bolsheviks back to Russia, Lenin made a most delicious remark about it: "I want America to understand that she cannot dump her anarchists on Russia." The American deportees were put to work by their Soviet "comrades" and did not like it. It is pretty hard for an American agitator, who can make \$50 to \$100 a night by incendiary speeches in the United States, to find upon his arrival in glorious Soviet Russia that he must work at hard labor for his board.

Colonel House is showing unwonted animation across the ocean. He gave out a column statement on the League of Nations, in which it is difficult to make out whether he is for it or against it.

William M. Wood, head of the American Woolen Company, says that the shutdown of the mills is due to one-third of the orders having been canceled. There are 15,000 mill workers out of employment at Lawrence.

Officials of the Mormon church, among them being the president and the presiding bishop, were placed under indictment for charging 23 cents for sugar that cost less than 9½ cents to produce.

The Pennsylvania lines have dropped 12,000 employees. A deficit in the company and too many employees for the work performed were the principal causes. The annual saving will be \$15,000,000.

Governor Cox's daughter is related to Senator Harding on her mother's side and calls him "uncle." Whether her father wins or loses she will have a relative in the White House.

The value which France sets upon her women may be estimated by the fact that the French Government recently agreed to give up 3,000 Russian prisoners in exchange for 125 French women and children held in Russia.

Beavers have been introduced again into New England after many years. Many of the upland meadows are the result of beaver dams which killed the forest growth decades ago.

Industrial accidents are found to occur with more frequency during the last hour of the morning and the last hour of the afternoon, than at any other period of the day.

The name of the woman member of the Hungarian Parliament, inadvertently dropped from under the cut on page 11 of the July 24 issue, is Margit Slachta, formerly a Budapest school teacher.

Monday is the lucky day in presidential affairs, though Wilson took the oath of office on Sunday. Presidents Tyler, Polk and Pierce died on Friday. Garfield was inaugurated on Friday. Lincoln was shot on Friday. Lincoln took his second oath of office on a Saturday and died on a Saturday.

Many German flags left behind at Spa were transformed into Belgian flags for the occasion of the Peace Conference meeting there by painting the white stripe orange. Then came a shower, the kalsomine washed out and, lo! they were German flags again, to the great embarrassment of the citizens.

The so-called "Farmer-Labor" party apparently does not expect to put labor back on the farm.

Prince Joachim, youngest son of the former kaiser, whose death by suicide occurred after a debauch, was the only one of the German royal family who suffered wounds in battle.

"Life belt" and "Lusitania" were printed on a weather-beaten life preserver recently picked up in the Delaware River.

The oldest bead dealer in the country is Peter Bender, of New York. He says the bead craze comes every 25 years, the present craze being due to die out in a few months, and the next one to come in 1945. He has profited by two such periods of bead popularity.

The Salvation Army Training School in Chicago graduated 36 workers, among whom were a former circus clown, a Japanese, and an A. E. F. man.

France will produce sufficient this harvest to feed herself.

There are only 8,539 bison in the world, all but 166 being in North America. The United States has 90 wild buffaloes and 3,303 in captivity. Canada has the rest, of which 500 are wild.

Five 10-hour days a week has been adopted as the summer schedule of a western factory.

They call them "he vamps" in Milwaukee. The fines are heavy.

Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks were very much surprised, and some say humiliated, because Paris did not notice them on their arrival, as London did. Mary and Doug have bought a chain of theaters in England, Holland, Scandinavia, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland.

A new story has arisen about the Royal Family of Russia having been burned alive. Its apocryphal character is indicated by the story that Alexis, heir to the throne, walked calmly into the fire and disappeared in a whirl of smoke.

Travelers say the Japanese have so far discarded their mask of courtesy toward Americans as to make touring very unpleasant.

"Your new-fangled reforms are all right. Take them, try them, and get sick of them," said Vice President Marshall to a California audience.

In accordance with an old custom which ordains that a silver cradle shall be presented to an heir born during its father's term as mayor, the Liverpool council recently presented a solid silver cradle. This is the third presentation in over half a century.

Bernhardi says the U-boat destroyed German prestige and the U-boat will restore it.

Mayor for 33 years is the record of W. J. Benbrook, of Natchez, Mississippi. He is 83 years old, and is running again in the August elections without opposition.

The flagpole, which did service in front of William McKinley's residence in Canton, Ohio, during the presidential campaign of 1896, has been erected in front of Senator Harding's home at Marion, Ohio.

European papers, with more regard to accuracy than American papers exhibit, always refer to "Mr." De Valera, never to "President" De Valera.

The food restrictions of Great Britain are being gradually lifted.

The penal farms of the East are short of help because prohibition has reduced the supply of drunks.

A French Red Cross nurse swam across Lake Geneva in 10½ hours.

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